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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 07302

E. O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, BM

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS

REF; RANGOON 1448; STATE 122575

1. FCO SAYS SOVIETS HAVE NOT APPROACHED HMG IN LONDON REGARDING SOVIET TECHNICIANS AND NOT AWARE OF ANY APPROACH IN RANGOON. ALMOST ALL OF FCO' S INFORMATION ON CASE IS BASED ON GOB PUBLIC STATEMENTS. TV FILM CREW IS BELIEVED TO BE BRITISH AND FCO HAS SOME INFORMATION THAT THEIR PRODUCT MAY APPEAR ON ITV PROGRAMS IN UK. HOWEVER, THEY ARE FREE- LANCE CREW WHO HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN OPERATING ILLEGALLY IN BURMA AND FCO SEES NO WAY OF OBTAINING USEFUL INFORMATION.

2. FCO IS UNHAPPY WITH WAY GOB HAS HANDLED INCIDENT AND DISINCLINED TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH COULD BE USED TO IMPLICATE UK. THEY ARE ADVISING BRITISH AMBASSADOR OF ELIZAVETIN' S APPROACH TO US AND ASKING HIM TO SHARE WITH US COLLEAGUE ANY INFORMATION THAT COMES TO LIGHT.

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